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NAIROBI FOR RCO; MONROVIA FOR ATO

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2 (IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE)
TAGS: AFOP, AFAC ASEC
SUBJECT: CHILLED-WATER UNIT FOR SHIELDED ENCLOSURE

1. CHILLED-WATER UNIT FOR SHIELDED ENCLOSURE IS LOCATED ON ELEVENTH FLOOR (EQUIPMENT ROOM), AND, FOR ACCESS TO THIS ROOM, ONE MUST GO THROUGH PORTION OF BUILDING OCCUPIED BY SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE. CCC IS LOCATED ON EIGHTH FLOOR AND IN THE PAST IT WAS POSSIBLE TO GAIN ACCESS TO EQUIPMENT ROOM VIA THE SIXTH FLOOR. ACCESS IS NOW STRICTLY CONTROLLED BY S.A. POLICE, AND WE MUST NOW GO ALL THE WAY TO GROUND FLOOR TO S.A. POLICE RECEPTION, OBTAIN VISITORS' PASS AND THEN UP TO ELEVENTH FLOOR EQUIPMENT ROOM VIA S.A. POLICE ELEVATOR.

2. WHEN THERE IS POWER FAILURE AND WHEN COMMERCIAL POWER IS CUT TO TEST GENERATOR, RESET BUTTONS ON POWER BOX LOCATED IN EQUIPMENT ROOM MUST BE DEPRESSED TO RESTART CHILL-WATER UNIT. IT WAS RATHER INCONVENIENT AND TIME-CONSUMING TO RESTART UNIT WHEN ACCESS WAS POSSIBLE VIA SIXTH FLOOR BUT NOW THE PROBLEM IS COMPOUNDED. IN ADDITION, WHEN UNIT FAILS DURING NIGHT OR WEEKENDS, DUE TO POWER OR MECHANICAL FAILURES, IT IS NOT DETECTED UNTIL MORNING OF
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NEXT WORKDAY AND TEMPERATURES EASILY REACH 95-100 DEGREES IN ENCLOSURE.

3. ABOVE PROBLEM HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH ENGINEER FROM HTH SERVICES, COMPANY WHO SERVICES UNIT, AND HE HAS SUBMITTED PROPOSAL TO INSTALL REMOTE RESET, ALARM PANEL AND HEAT SENSOR IN HALLWAY, JUST OUTSIDE CCC. (THE HEAT SENSOR

WOULD BE CLAMPED TO ONE OF THE CHILL-WATER PIPES OUTSIDE CCC.) THEREFORE, WHEN MARINE SECURITY GUARD MAKES HIS ROUNDS AND ALARM HAS BEEN ACTIVATED, HE COULD NOTIFY DUTY COMMUNICATOR, OR TELECOMMUNICATOR, OF FAILURE AND HE/SHE COULD TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION BEFORE HEAT BUILDS UP IN SHIELDED ENCLOSURE. HTH SERVICES PROVIDES 24-HOUR CALL-IN SERVICE. COST OF THIS PROPOSAL IS \$1,550.

4. IN ADDITION TO INCONVENIENCES AND LOSS OF CIRCUIT TIME, AS WE ARE CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING, PROBLEM WILL BECOME ACUTE WITH INSTALLATION OF TERP. TERP WILL REQUIRE UNATTENDED OPERATION AND COMPONENTS COULD BE SEVERELY DAMAGED WHEN CHILL-WATER UNIT FAILS AND NOT DETECTED UNTIL SEVERAL HOURS LATER.

5. REQUEST APPROVAL TO GO AHEAD WITH HTH SERVICES PROPOSAL AND REQUEST FUNDS TO COVER COST. LATEST INFO AT POST IS TERP SCHEDULED FOR INSTALLATION APRIL 1978.
PLEASE ADVISE.
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